

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Strom Thurmond High School
Edgefield County
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 849
Principal: Jill W. Jett
Superintendent: Mr. Greg Anderson
Board Chair: Mr. Brad Covar

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2012	Average	Below Average	TBD	TBD	C	N/A
2011	Average	Below Average	N/A	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	Good	Silver	Silver	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
12	15	13	0	3

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012. Schools with Students Like Ours are High Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2011	2012	2011	2012
Passed 2 subtests (%)	74.3%	75.5%	74.3%	76.1%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	17.4%	13.3%	15.6%	14.4%
Passed no subtests (%)	8.3%	11.2%	10.7%	11.7%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2012

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	88.5%	90.6%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

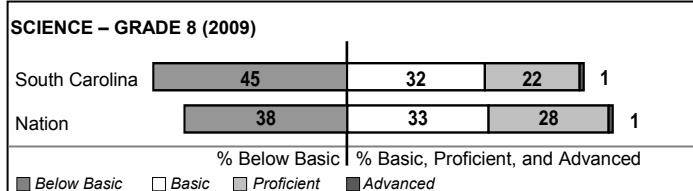
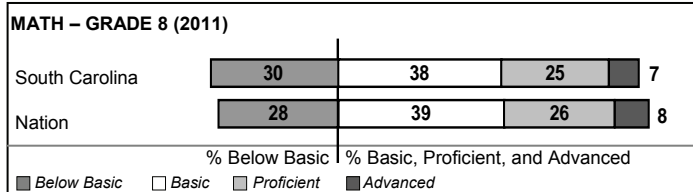
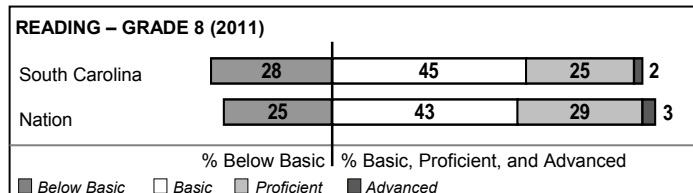
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	221	262
Number of Diplomas	163	181
Rate (%)	73.8%	73.0%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2012

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	81.3	75.2
English 1	53.7	65.0
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	78.7	75.2
US History and the Constitution	33.8	47.2
All Tests	61.2	65.4

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=849)				
Retention rate	5.8%	Up from 4.6%	3.2%	3.0%
Attendance rate	94.6%	Up from 93.6%	95.7%	95.3%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	8.0%	Up from 6.1%	0.5%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	19.2%	Up from 13.5%	11.1%	13.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	32.1%	Down from 40.9%	43.7%	50.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	51.8%	Up from 27.9%	30.6%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	0.8%	Down from 4.5%	2.6%	2.3%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	Down from 5.3%	3.1%	2.7%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	19	Up from 1	441	395
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	89.5%	N/A	82.0%	84.0%
Teachers (n=51)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	58.8%	Down from 60.4%	60.5%	63.2%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	89.4%	Down from 90.1%	87.3%	86.6%
Teacher attendance rate	N/R	N/R	95.9%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,392	Up 4.4%	\$46,992	\$47,326
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.9%	Up from 2.6%	3.4%	3.6%
Professional development days/teacher	0.2 days	Down from 10.8 days	10.9 days	9.7 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 3.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	26.7 to 1	No Change	27.6 to 1	27.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	N/R	N/R	90.2%	89.4%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,218	Up 20.6%	\$7,986	\$7,761
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	54.4%	Down from 63.1%	57.3%	57.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	55.5%	Down from 64.5%	60.1%	59.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	98.7%	97.8%
Character development program	Below Average	Down from Excellent	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	70.4	N/A	76.8	78.2

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	55	170	16
Percent satisfied with learning environment	87.3%	60.6%	75.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	89.1%	69.8%	73.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	74.5%	77.1%	56.3%

*Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included. For schools without grade eleven, only the highest grade was included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

2011-2012 has been an incredible year for Strom Thurmond High School. We received the Palmetto Silver award for achieving excellent results in closing student achievement gaps. US News and World Report recognized Strom Thurmond as one of the top high schools in the nation and honored us with a Bronze Medal for our students' performance in high-stakes testing, an area of ongoing focus for us. In addition, Strom Thurmond High School is proud to be a High Schools That Work site and a member of the Teacher Advancement Program.

Strom Thurmond High School continues to raise the level of expectations for all of our teachers and students. The implementation of a Silent-Sustained Reading block in our school day proved successful and supports our goals to increase students' scores on HSAP, EOCEP, ACT, and SAT assessments. Another goal of SSR is to infuse a love for reading into our students' lives. Our EOCEP scores showed substantial gains this year and we are refining our teaching strategies to help students show any greater future gains.

Academically, Strom Thurmond High School excelled in 2011-2012. Graduating seniors were awarded in excess of \$2,000, 000 in academic scholarships. A total of 72 students were inducted into the Millennium Club for earning a 1000 or better on the verbal and math portions of the SAT or 21 or better on ACT. Seventeen students earned membership in the 1200 and Above Club. Seven students earned membership in the 1300 and Above Club and one earned membership in the 1400 Club.

The Thurmond Statesmen Institute year productively completed its second year. Students participated in the Southeastern Model United Nations Conference at Emory University in November. The Mock Trial team won the State Championship and traveled to Albuquerque, New Mexico in April to compete for the National Championship. Three students graduated with TSI completer credentials and the first TSI Scholarship was awarded to one of the three.

The Fine Arts and NJROTC Departments also continued to excel in 2011-2012. The fall production of our drama department, Footloose, was successful, as was the spring production of Caught in the Act. The Strom Thurmond High School Band Program has been recognized by the South Carolina Band Directors Association with the OPA (Outstanding Performance Award), the highest award given to a band program in South Carolina. This award is a culmination of the achievements in the SCBDA State events which include State Marching Band Contest, Region and All-State Auditions, State Concert Festival and State Solo and Ensemble Contest. This is the 3rd time in school history to win this award, the previous being 1974 and 1977. The NJROTC rifle, drill, and sports teams won numerous regional and district competitions and participated in multiple community service projects.

2011-2012 was another successful year for Strom Thurmond athletic teams. Our Rebel Football team won the Region Championship for the fourth consecutive year and advanced to the semi-final State Championship game. Our girls' volleyball, basketball, and soccer teams, and boys' basketball and soccer teams advanced to the regional play-offs. The Rebel Baseball team won the District Championship for the first time in 18 years and advanced to the semi-final game of the Upper State Championship. Six members of our Rebel Track team advanced to the State Competition. One of our Rebel Golf Team members was chosen to represent the United States in the Junior Solheim Cup in Ireland and also won her third

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